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*Enteric fever and smallpox in Galveston, Tex.*

GALVESTON, TEX., December 17, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that there are a large number of cases of enteric fever prevalent in this city. One can only estimate them, for there is no ordinance that requires them to be reported to the board of health.

Dr. William Fischer, former health officer, estimated the number about 450. No effort has been made to try to trace the cases to any efficient cause. There are 6 cases of smallpox, a considerable number of diphtheria and scarlatina.

No report to the health officer is required to be made, and I am informed none is made, so the number of cases can only be estimated. There are 18 cases of enteric fever in the Sealy Hospital, and 20 in St. Mary's Infirmary. I find that every physician has from 6 to 15 cases.

Respectfully,

C. T. PECKHAM,  
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

*Inspection of vessels at Juneau, Alaska, for two weeks ended December 15, 1900.*

JUNEAU, ALASKA, December 15, 1900.

SIR: Report for two weeks ended December 15, 1900, and have inspected the following vessels: December 3, steamship *Dolphin*, of Port Townsend; steamship *Danube*, of Vancouver, British Columbia. December 5, steamship *Cottage City*, of New York. December 11, steamship *Drigo*, of Port Townsend; steamer *Alert*, with passengers of wrecked steamship *City of Topeka*. December 13, *Rustler*, with passengers and crew of *City of Topeka*. December 14, steamship *Dolphin*, of Port Townsend. No contagious or infectious diseases found aboard any of the above vessels.

Respectfully,

SAML. C. LEONHARDT,  
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

*Arrival at Reedy Island Quarantine of vessel, from West Indian ports.*

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE,  
via Port Penn, Del., December 23, 1900.

SIR: Through the medical officer in command of national quarantine service on Delaware Bay and River, I have the honor to report the arrival, on December 19, 1900, of the British steamship *Miramar*, from St. Thomas, via Santiago de Cuba, with ore; no passengers; bill of health signed by Assistant Surgeon Von Ezdorf.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,  
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

*Arrival at Baltimore of vessels from West Indian and South American ports.*

BALTIMORE, MD., December 22, 1900.

SIR: I have to report the arrival at this port, during the week ended this day, the following-named vessels from the places named: December 20, British steamship *Wildcraft*, from Daiquiri, with ore; American bark *Amy*, from Rio de Janeiro, with coffee.

Respectfully,

WM. F. STONE, Collector.

*Reports from the Mexican border.*

*El Paso, Tex., December 15, 1900—Inspection service.*—I have the honor to transmit herewith summary of work at this station for week